

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A digital camera ~~for recording~~ which records, in a compression state, a plurality of main images ~~signals~~ and a plurality of size-reduced images ~~signals that correspond to a plurality of successively taken subject images~~ which are obtained by successive picture-taking operations to a recording medium, comprising:

a main image compressor for compressing ~~one of the~~ a single main image ~~signals each time picture taking is made once~~ every time a single picture-taking operation is carried out so as to create a single compressed main image;

a main image writer for writing the single compressed main image to an internal memory every time a single compressing operation is carried out by said main image compressor; and

a size-reduced image compressor for compressing the plurality of size-reduced images ~~signals~~ after ending the successive picture taking of pictures operations.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A digital camera according to claim 1, further comprising:

~~a memory for temporarily holding a plurality of compressed main image signals produced by said main image compressor; and~~

a size-reduced image ~~producer creator~~ for producing respectively creating the plurality of size-reduced images ~~signals on the basis of the~~ based on a plurality of the compressed main

images ~~signals~~ held by said internal memory after ending the successive picture taking of ~~pictures~~ operations, wherein

said size-reduced image compressor compresses the plurality of size-reduced images ~~signals produced~~ created by said size reduced image ~~producer~~ creator.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A digital camera according to claim 2, wherein said size-reduced image ~~producer~~ creator includes a decompressor to decompress the plurality of compressed main images ~~signals~~ held by said internal memory so as to create a plurality of decompressed images, and a thinner to perform thinning out on ~~[[a]]~~ the plurality of decompressed main images ~~signals produced by said decompressor and produce~~ so as to create the plurality of size-reduced images ~~signals~~.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A digital camera according to claim 1, further comprising:

a size-reduced image ~~producer to produce one of the size-reduced image signals each time picture taking is made once~~ creator for creating a single size-reduced image every time the single picture-taking operation is carried out; and

~~a memory for temporarily holding the size-reduced image signals produced by the size-reduced image producer~~ a size-reduced image writer for writing the single size-reduced image to said internal memory every time a single creating operation is carried out by said size-reduced image creator, wherein said size-reduced image compressor compresses ~~[[a]]~~ the plurality of size-reduced images ~~signals~~ held by said internal memory after ending the successive picture taking of ~~pictures~~ operations.